## TECHNICAL NOTE

USS. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## ADP PRINTOUT CONTROL

The receipt, distribution, storage, retrieval and disposal of ADP computer printouts is a very difficult and cumbersome procedure in most BLM offices. The problems most often encountered are: (1) forwarding to the proper staff office (s) only when needed, immediately or at some later date after receipt; (2) storage, temporary or indefinite, in the using office; (3) replacement when superseded by a more current printout, and storage in an inactive storage point or destruction if no longer needed; (4) if stored at a central point, inadequate physical facilities for orderly arrangement and identification; and (5) timely disposal.

A Nevada State Office employee, Fern Trimbell, has developed an efficient system which effectively overcomes all five of these problems. The system has been reviewed and cited by WO/PSC Records Management personnel, WO/DSC Financial Management personnel, and top Bureau Officials as a system worthy of serious consideration for use by all Bureau offices. Two years of testing in the Nevada $S 0$ has proven it to be an important management improvement.

The following photos, narrative, and illustrations describe the system:


1. Present practice: BLM offices are filing printouts loosely in drawers and on shelves with no central filing location or control.
2. Proposed change: the following suggestion is recommended as a control for the large number of printouts received by BLM offices each month. This method has been tested in a State Office for one year and proved to be an excellent control.
A. Establish a filing unit for printouts in Central Files (M-7). Hanging files are suggested for expansion purposes. (See photos).
B. Central Files controls all printouts upon receipt. Printouts are date stamped, assigned a number and filed immediately in $151 / 4^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $111 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ folders in the ADP unit. See Illustration No. 1. Labels are used on the center of each jacket, listing the name of the printout and the assigned number. Special distribution instructions are typed on $3 \times 5$ cards and taped to fronts of files when necessary. Printouts, such as the L\&\& Case Records Transactions, that must be retained by custodians other than the Records Manager, are permanently charged from the ADP unit.

Printouts are filed in five categories:

1. BLM Financial Management system.
2. BLM Manpower Management system.
3. BLM Management Program.
4. BLM Miscellaneous.
5. L\&M Case Records Transactions.
C. Central Files completes the ADP printout chart, listing the date it is received at the top of chart and date of issue next to the assigned number. See Illustration No. 2. The chart is reproduced and distributed to each Division immediately. The original copy is maintained for a short period of time in Central Files for reference. Printouts are now controlled and can be reviewed by any division. Standard charge-out cards are used.

The following benefits have been noted in using the above system:

1. Central location.
2. Uniform filing.
3. Control of all printouts.
4. Better utilization.
5. Systematic disposal.
6. Research time is minimized.

# MONTHLY COST SUMMARY REPORT 

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ILLUSTRATION NO. 1
The following is a description of supplies needed for maintaining printouts in expansion files as shown above:

1. Red fiber pressboard folder with cloth gusset (Length $15 \hbar^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ Height ll $\frac{\mathbf{k}^{\prime \prime}}{}$ ).
2. Prong fastener ( $8 \frac{1}{4}$ " between prongs, 3 3/4" capacity).
3. Blank gummed paper labels, white with red border ( $5^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ ).

The above folders are filed in the Oblique hanging folders No. X3-S (Length 17 7/8" $\times$ Height $12 \frac{1}{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ ). See attachment No. 1.


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## BLM PROGRAM MANAGEMENT


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